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Letter dated 31 May 2011 from the Secretary-General to the President of the Security Council

I have the honour to transmit herewith the attached letter, dated 27 May 2011, from His Excellency Mr. Ali Ahmed Karti, Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Sudan, announcing the decision of the Sudanese Government to terminate the presence of the United Nations Mission in the Sudan, as of 9 July 2011 (see annex).

I should be grateful if you would bring the present letter to the attention of the members of the Security Council.

(*Signed*) **BAN** Ki-moon

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Annex

Letter dated 27 May 2011 from the Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Sudan to the Secretary-General

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Allow me at the outset, in my own capacity and on behalf of the Government of the Sudan, to express our sincere appreciation and gratitude for the outstanding work undertaken by the United Nations and the United Nations Mission in the Sudan (UNMIS) in supporting the Government of National Unity in implementing the Comprehensive Peace Agreement by performing the tasks stipulated in the Agreement in conformity with Security Council resolution 1590 (2005) and the agreement between the Government of the Sudan and the United Nations concerning the status of UNMIS.

As you may well be aware, the Government of the Sudan has candidly, and in a transparent manner, worked with all parties to honour its commitments towards the full implementation of this agreement. It is incumbent on me here to recognize the fruitful cooperation that has existed throughout the phases of the implementation. It is evident that the presence of UNMIS was pivotal to the process of the implementation in all fields.

As we are coming to the end of the interim period as stipulated in the Comprehensive Peace Agreement, and with reference to Security Council resolution 1978 (2011), which extended the mandate of UNMIS in the Sudan up to 9 July 2011, I have the honour to convey to Your Excellency the decision of the Government of the Sudan to terminate the presence of UNMIS as of 9 July 2011.

(*Signed*) Ali Ahmed **Karti**
Minister for Foreign Affairs
of the Republic of the Sudan